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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 27, 2002

APPLICATION OF

EAST TENNESSEE NETWORK, LLC

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00106

For certificates of public  
convenience and necessity to  
provide local exchange and  
interexchange telecommunications  
services

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On August 12, 2002, East Tennessee Network, LLC ("ETN" or "Applicant"), completed an application for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificates") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services. The Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that ETN's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that interested parties should have an opportunity to comment and request a hearing on ETN's application; and that the Commission Staff should conduct an

investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings in a Staff Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC-2002-00106.

(2) On or before September 27, 2002, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice to be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY  
EAST TENNESSEE NETWORK, LLC, FOR  
CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND  
NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND  
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES  
THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
CASE NO. PUC-2002-00106

On August 12, 2002, East Tennessee Network, LLC ("ETN" or "Applicant"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for certificates of public convenience and necessity ("certificates") to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. In its application, the Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the

Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street,  
Richmond, Virginia, or can be ordered from  
ETN's counsel, Harry S. Rhodes, Esquire,  
Borsch, Rhodes & Butler, P.C., P.O. Box  
1529, Roanoke, Virginia 24007.

Any person desiring to comment on ETN's  
application for certificates to provide  
local exchange and interexchange  
telecommunications services may do so by  
directing such comments in writing on or  
before October 17, 2002, to the Clerk of the  
Commission at the address set out below and  
shall serve a copy of the same on or before  
October 17, 2002, upon ETN's counsel at the  
address set forth above.

Any person may request a hearing on  
ETN's application by filing an original and  
fifteen (15) copies of its request for  
hearing on or before October 17, 2002, with  
the Clerk of the Commission at the address  
set out below. Requests for hearing must  
state with specificity why a hearing should  
be conducted. Persons filing a request for  
hearing shall serve a copy of their request  
on or before October 17, 2002, upon ETN's  
counsel at the address set forth above.

All written communications to the  
Commission concerning ETN's application  
should be directed to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of  
the State Corporation Commission, c/o  
Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118,  
Richmond, Virginia 23218, and must refer to  
Case No. PUC-2002-00106.

EAST TENNESSEE NETWORK, LLC

(3) On or before September 27, 2002, Applicant shall  
provide a copy of the notice contained in ordering paragraph two  
(2) to each local exchange telephone carrier certificated in  
Virginia and each interexchange carrier certificated in Virginia

by personal delivery or first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business. Lists of all current local exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia are attached to this Order as Appendices A and B, respectively.

(4) Any person desiring to comment in writing on ETN's application for certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services may do so by directing such comments on or before October 17, 2002, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth below. On or before October 17, 2002, a copy of such comments shall be served on ETN's counsel, Harry S. Rhodes, Esquire, Borsch, Rhodes & Butler, P.C., P.O. Box 1529, Roanoke, Virginia 24007. Comments must refer to Case No. PUC-2002-00106.

(5) On or before October 17, 2002, any person wishing to request a hearing on ETN's application for certificates to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of its request for hearing in writing with Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Written requests for hearing shall refer to Case No. PUC-2002-00106 and shall state the following: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the filing party; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for

such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in the matter. Copies shall also be served on the Applicant at the address set forth above.

(6) On or before October 22, 2002, the Applicant shall file with the Commission proof of notice and proof of service as ordered herein.

(7) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of ETN's application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before October 31, 2002.

(8) On or before November 7, 2002, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response to the Staff Report or parties' objections and requests for hearing. A copy of the response shall be delivered to Staff and the other parties by overnight delivery.

(9) The Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within seven (7) days after the receipt of the same. Parties shall provide to the Applicant, other additional parties, and Staff any workpapers or documents used in preparation of their requests for hearing, promptly upon request. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Rules.

(10) The Applicant shall respond promptly to requests from interested parties for copies of the Application and shall provide one copy of same free of charge to the requesting party.

(11) This matter is continued generally.